

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
410 West Sullivan Street
Olean, NY 14760

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:32 p.m., in person, YouTube, ZOOM in the auditorium at Olean High School, West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Andrew Caya, President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. The Board of Education recited Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Andrew Caya, President
Paul Hessney, Vice President
Julio Fuentes
Mary Hirsch-Schena
Janine Fodor
Ira Katzenstein - ZOOM
Kelly Keller
James Padlo

Excused:

PRESENT: Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Mike Martel, Director of Technology
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
Marcie Johnson, Director of Special Education
Rachael Schreiber, Teacher
Angie Marconi, Teacher

Others: Kellen Quigley, OTH
Tim Sherlock
Leo Wolters Tejera
Ryan Boysha
Maryam Mirza
Sean Obergfell
Emalee Dedrick
Sara Thomas
Ella Scanlon
Gary Harvey
Daniel Farnham
Lee Filbert
Ellie Whitford
Rachael Champlin

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Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, to approve the amended – delete item F. Summit Center Contract under New Business.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Commendations:

- a. Dr. Geelan noted she has attended concerts at WW, EV and OHS
- b. Senior night for athletes
- c. Prom Week

Commendations/
Communications

Communications:

- a. Rachael Schreiber – 5/5/22 email

Discussion items:

- DEI Work Group – update by Karen Geelan
- TABSS – update by Kelly Keller

Discussion Items

Public Comments:

1. Leo Wolter Tejera – diversity, equity and inclusion, LGBTQ statistics, rights of every human being – being personally verbally assaulted in this room; hate crimes, ideology, theology, diversity of community; etc.; Takes All Huskies to Pull The Sled – not just what male students
2. Tim Sherlock – Gender Policy – he has read and re-read the policy and the numerous changes; it is vaguely written and a great deal of language was deleted; it was recommended the policy be sent to DEI Workgroup and it wasn't; he expects more from the board – ask questions, have a backbone

Public Comments

Committee Reports: minutes included in packet

- Operations Committee – May 9

Committee Reports

Board Report:

- Superintendent Search – the board will be interviewing candidates next week for the second round of interviews

Board Report

Superintendent Report:

- Final exam schedule; exams will not be used for APPRs
- Rti – numerous meetings; moving forward for next year
- Future – conducted three students – Special Education, Transportation and Medicaid – Dr. Geelan gave a presentation regarding findings

Superintendent
Report

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

That the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2022, be accepted and placed on file.

That the Warrant Report for April 2022 be accepted and placed on file.

That the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2022, be accepted and placed on file.

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That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 18th be approved.

2021-2022

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2022-2023

908004315	908004307	908004322	908004275	908004330
908004290				

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on May 18th be approved.

2021-2022

908003486	908002456	908002924	908002263	908003693
908001492	908004219	908003730	908003936	908004264
908004107	908004179	908002942	908002818	093130003
908001270	900456445	908003407	908003324	908003408
908000606	908001564	082490017	092780000	900453177
900427172	908002006	900457573	900455907	

That the CPSE to CSE recommendations reviewed on May 18th be approved.

2022-2023

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That the April 30, 2022 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$3,575.00 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the list of items be declared surplus.

That the attached list of substitutes be approved.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the following Annual Election Certification Resolution be adopted, to wit.

Certification of
Annual Election
Results

WHEREAS, the Annual City School District Election of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York, was duly called, held and conducted on May 17, 2022, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine for the election of Trustees and Proposition(s) set forth in the notice of such election adopted, February 15, 2022, and

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WHEREAS subdivision 4 of Section 2610 of the Education Law provides that the Board of Education of a City School District shall meet at the Olean High School Auditorium, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY at 6:30 p.m. on the day following such election for the purpose of examining and tabulating the statements of the result of the election in the several election districts, to canvass the returns as contained in such statements, to determine the number of votes cast for each proposition in each election district, and to declare the result of such canvass; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has duly examined the statements of the result of said annual election held May 17, 2022, as aforesaid, in each of the school election districts of said City School District,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York as follows:

Section 1: From a canvass of the returns as contained in such statement of the result of the annual City School District election of the city school referred to in preambles thereof, it is hereby found and determined that the number of voters casting votes submitted at such annual election in the several school district as follows:

Total No. of Voters Casting Votes:	
Table 1 (A-G)	<u>318</u>
Table 2 (H-P)	<u>342</u>
Table 3 (Q-Z)	<u>251</u>
Total	<u>911</u>

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2022-2023 Basic Budget

YES 587

NO 298

PROPOSITION NO. 1 PASSED

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – Vehicle Purchase Reserve Fund

YES 599

NO 263

PROPOSITION NO. 2 PASSED

BOARD OF ELECTION TRUSTEES

VOTE FOR THREE

Gary W. Harvey, Jr.	Votes: 140
Daniel J. Farnham	Votes: 498
Paul A. Hessney	Votes: 398
Timothy R. Sherlock	Votes: 292
Rychelle L. Weseman	Votes: 397
Lee W. Filbert	Votes: 462

Write-In:

Paul Sungenis

Peyton Kunselman

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Vermin Suhremp
Brian Lang
Sullivan Cary

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board of Education was held to fill three (3) at-large positions on the Board, created by the expiration of the terms of Janine Fodor and Paul Hessney, as well as to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Steffen, Jr., which was temporarily filled by the appointment of Tyrone Hall. The two candidates who received the most votes are elected to five (5) year terms commencing on July 1, 2022, and terminating on June 30, 2027. The candidate who received the third-highest number of votes will serve immediately after the election (upon filing the oath of office) until June 30, 2024.

It is hereby determined that the duly qualified voters at said annual election have hereby elected Daniel J. Farnham and Lee W. Filbert to the Board of the Olean City School District for five (5) year terms; Paul A. Hessney is hereby elected to will serve immediately until June 30, 2024.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Motion Carried
P. Hessney

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to approve Tracy Padlo as an unpaid high school volunteer for the 2021-2022 school year..

School Volunteer
Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Motion Carried
J. Padlo

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to decrease one (1) Teacher Aide position from 6.5 hours to 5.75 hours for the 2022-2023 school year. (Shirlee Russell retirement)

Teacher Aide Hours
Decreased

Ayes 3 Nays 5 Motion Defeated
K. Keller, J. Fuentes, Mary Hirsch-Schena, I. Katzenstein,
P. Hessney

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution to wit:

Tax Settlement
Adopted – Up State
Tower Co., LLC

Re: *UP STATE TOWER CO., LLC v. CITY OF OLEAN AND OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT*

WHEREAS, Up State Tower Co., LLC is the owner of a cell tower located at 2201 Constitution Avenue in the City of Olean; and

WHEREAS, the subject property was assessed by the City Assessor at \$175,000 for the 2021-2022 tax year; and

WHEREAS, Up State Tower Co., LLC has filed a tax assessment challenge requesting reduction in assessment from \$175,000 to \$95,028, and a tax refund for the 2021-2022 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the cell tower has no leases or income and the City's equalization rate has declined; and

WHEREAS, a prospective settlement has been proposed in which the 2021-2022 assessment proceeding will be discontinued and the assessment of the parcel will be reduced to \$102,000 assessed value for the 2022-2023 tax year and subsequent three tax years; and

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WHEREAS, the City Assessor and the Olean City School District's legal counsel recommend approval of the proposed settlement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will avoid the payment of any tax refund, will save the District legal and appraisal costs, and will avoid potential tax refunds in future tax years; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement authorizing the reduction in assessment from \$175,000 to \$102,000 on the larger parcel beginning in the 2022-2023 tax year, and waiving any tax refund payable by the District is hereby approved.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to award the Building Condition Survey bid to Young and Wright Architects not to exceed \$91,575.00.

Young and Wright Architects Award Building Condition Survey Bid

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the expenditure of \$10,180.00 for the NYS Association of Small City School Districts membership for the 2022-2023 school year.

NYS Assoc. of Small City School Districts Membership Expenditure Authorized

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to approve the MOU between the Olean City School District and Cornell Cooperative Extension for a Farm to School Educator at an hourly rate of \$21.00 per hour, 30 hours week from April 6, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Cornell Cooperative Extension MOU Approved

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, in accordance with Board of Education Policy #6540 and the New York Public Officers Law, and in response to a request from Dr. Karen Geelan, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, hereby agrees to defend and indemnify Brian Crawford, Principal, and Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources, in the litigation captioned as New York State Division of Human Rights case no. 10216295.

Defend and Indemnify Brian Crawford and Aaron Wolfe In Human Rights Litigation

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, that special board meetings be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of meeting with the superintendent search consultants.

Special Board Meetings May 23, 24 and 25, 2022

Andrew Caya noted the board will be interviewing candidates.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of William Taggerty, Records/Receiving & Inventory Clerk, with deep regret, effective July 1, 2022.

Retirement
Resignation of
William Taggerty
Accepted with Deep
Regret

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of Richard Eustis III, Custodian/Buildings and Grounds Maintainer, with deep regret, effective July 28, 2022.

Retirement
Resignation of
Richard Eustis III
Accepted with Deep
Regret

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Teri Kahle, Cleaner, retroactive to May 12, 2022.

Resignation of Teri
Kahle Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Bailey McCullough, Teacher Aide, retroactive to May 13, 2022.

Resignation of
Bailey McCullough
Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Lindsey Green, Teacher Aide, effective June 24, 2022.

Resignation of
Lindsey Green
Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Julie Jones, Teacher Aide, retroactive to May 5, 2022.

Resignation of Julie
Jones Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Michelle Cortez, Elementary Teacher, effective June 24, 2022.

Resignation of
Michelle Cortez
Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Allison Friends, Teacher Aide, effective May 20, 2022

Resignation of
Allison Friends
Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2022 Olean Elementary School, Olean Intermediate Middle School, and Olean High School Summer School Programs per OTA Contract:

2022 Summer
School

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Appointments (OTA
Contract)

Rising 1-3 Summer School (East View Elementary):

Susan Mahar-Sakala
Lisa Brooks
Shana Chudy
Jennifer Crawford
Laura Cawley
Sarah Morris
Mary Miller
Chris Knapp
Jill Forrest
Pam Foster
Barbra Stabb

Rising 4-6 Summer School (OIMS):

James Charles
Lori Anastasia
Robin Charles
Tammy Martin
Connor Baer
Heather Reese
Rachel Barry

OIMS & OHS Summer School:

David Lasky
Maria Brooks
Patti Metler
Carl Kolasny
Amy Bay
Jennifer Mathieson
Ryan Talbot
Stephen Sorenson
Dylan Shaw
Cassie Patten
Aaron Meyers (split)
Karen Fox (split)
Jenna Hendricks
Heather Gogel
Matthew Woleben
Dan Freeman

Special Education Summer School:

Jacqueline Giardini
Chris Korzeniewski
Chelsea Bowker
Cammie Korzeniewski

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2022 Olean Elementary School, Olean Intermediate Middle School, and Secondary School Summer School Programs at their hourly rate of pay as of July 1, 2022:

2022 Summer
School

Rising 1-3 Summer School Aides (East View Elementary):

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Appointments –
Support Staff

Roxann Johnson
Amanda Hlasnick
Kathleen Gibbons
Nancy Martin
Kathy Butler
Tina Peterson-Volz
Monique Ling
Jocelyn Daley
Shelby Grimmer

OIMS, OHS & Special Education Summer School Aides:

Kathy Searles
Jennifer Perry
Jodi Mallery
Lisa Candelaria
Maria DeCerbo
D'Yvonne Portlow
Sharon Klimczyk
Donna Abdo
Cheryl Green O'Dell
Tammy Barr
Pamela Burrows

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

Policy #3421 - Title IX and Sex Discrimination - 3rd Reading

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #3421 - Title IX and Sex Discrimination with recommended revisions. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Discussion Items

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Policy #3421 - Title
IX and Sex
Discrimination
Adopted

Policy #4330 - Administrative Staff - 1st Reading

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #4330 - Administrative Staff. Second Reading was waived. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Policy #4330 -
Administrative Staff
Adopted

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Policy #5240 - School Tax Assessment and Collection - 1st Reading

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #5240 - School Tax Assessment and Collection. Second Reading was waived. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

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Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Policy #5240 - School Tax Assessment and Collection Adopted

Policy #5250 - Sale and Disposal of School District Property - 1st Reading

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #5240 - School Tax Assessment and Collection. Second Reading was waived. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Policy #5250 - Sale and Disposal of School District Property Adopted

Policy #5620 - Inventories - 1st Reading

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #5620 - Inventories - 1st Reading. Second Reading was waived. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Policy #5620 - Inventories - 1st Reading Adopted

Policy #5650 - Energy Conservation in the School District - 1st Reading

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #5650 - Energy Conservation in the School District. Second Reading was waived. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Policy #5650 - Energy Conservation in the School District Adopted

Policy #6121 - Sexual Harassment in the Workplace - 1st Reading; 2nd Reading 06/07/22

Policy #6460 - Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources - 1st Reading

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #6460 - Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources. Second Reading was waived. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Policy #6460 - Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources Adopted

Policy #7552 - Student Gender Identity – 3rd reading

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Karen Geelan, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7552 - Student Gender Identity. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Motion Carried

Policy #7552 - Student Gender Identity Adopted

J. Fuentes

Informational Items:

- a. Special Board Meeting - Monday, May 23 at 6:30 pm
- b. Special Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30 pm
- c. Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 pm
- d. Safety Committee Meeting - Wednesday, May 25 at 3:30 pm
- e. Technology Committee Meeting - Thursday, June 2 at 3:30 pm

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- f. Retiree Reception with the Board - Tuesday, June 7 at 5:00 pm
- g. Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 pm
- h. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, June 13 at 4:30 pm
- i. Audit/Finance Sub Committee - Thursday, June 16 at 4:00 pm
- j. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, June 21 at 4:30 pm
- k. Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm

Moved by J. Fuentes, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and enter Executive session at 9:25 pm to discuss negotiations and personnel issue. Aaron Wolfe and Jenny Bilotta invited to attend for negotiation discussions.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, to adjourn from Executive Session at 10:51 pm and reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting at 10:52 pm.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
 District Clerk

May 23, 2022

Sub List:

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT
NON-CERTIFIED			
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER			
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Dwaileebe, Colden	Associates	yes